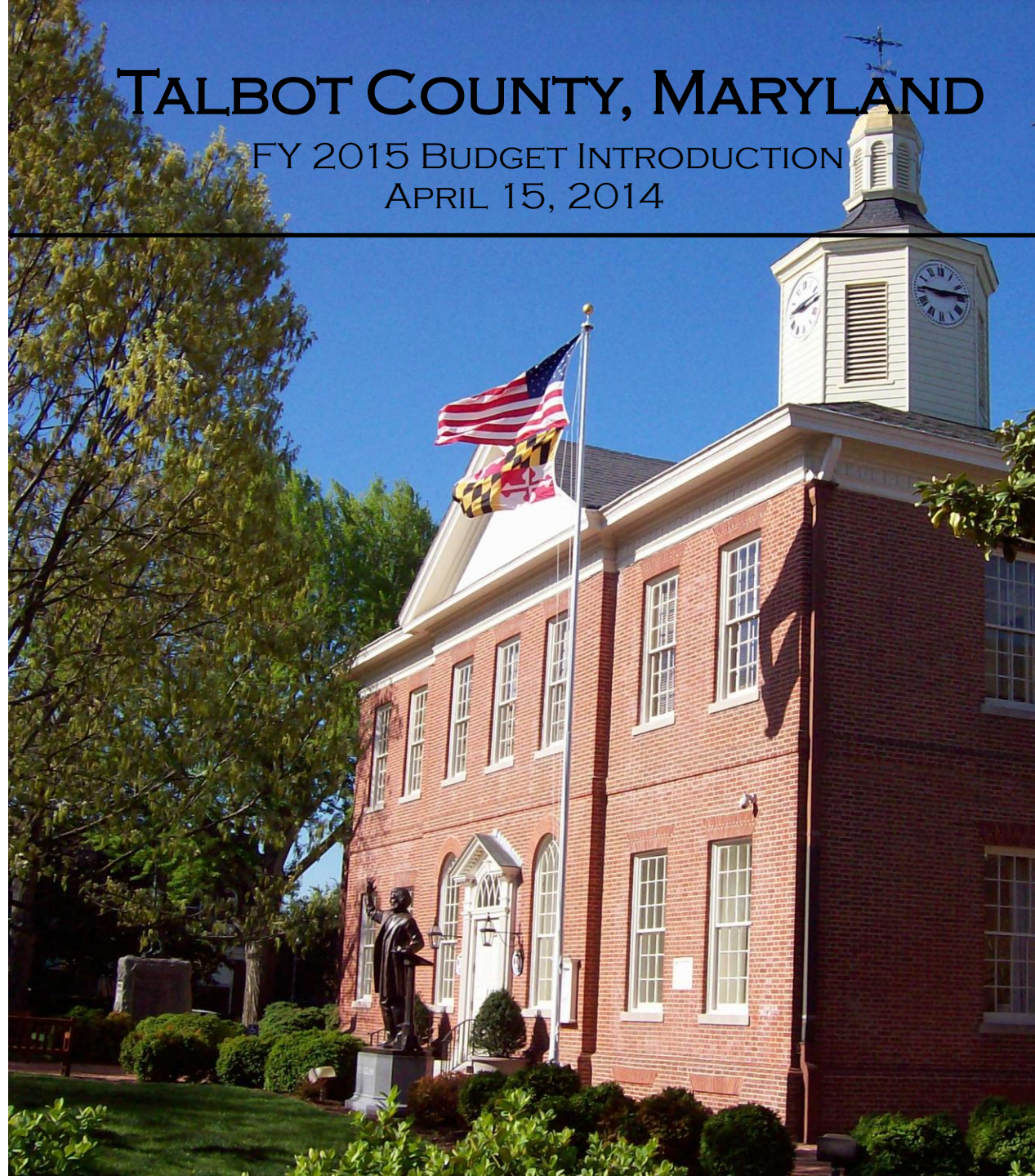




FY 2015
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General Fund Budget

\$74,560,000



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FY 2015 PROPOSED BUDGET

Budget Highlights

The development of this proposed budget has been collaborative in nature under the leadership of the County Council and addresses “Real Needs” as submitted by department heads and leaders of the various agencies and organizations that are funded by the County Council.



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Budget Highlights

- The challenging fiscal landscape over the past several years has led to the development of creative strategies where successes are realized.

Examples include:

- Building coalitions and partnerships to leverage millions of dollars in grant funds to support innovative environmental projects and alternative energy solutions
- Investing in technology utilizing grant funds to enhance communication and improve operational efficiencies
- Identifying opportunities to share resources to reduce duplication of services such as partnering with the State of Maryland in the upcoming use of a statewide radio communications system
- Leveraging partnerships with private foundations, organizations, and individuals has provided funding for specific programs and the acquisition of equipment



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Budget Highlights

- The challenging fiscal landscape over the past several years has led to a series of needs which are becoming increasingly evident as time passes and were reflected in budget submissions (*which will continue to be a budgeting challenge*)

Examples include:

- Replacement of specialized equipment reaching the end of serviceable life
- Issues related to delayed maintenance on buildings
- County road repairs and resurfacing
- Increasing demands on services is resulting in personnel and equipment needs



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Budget Highlights

- The following priorities were used in attempting to provide funding with the limited resources available to address “Real Needs” through the budget prioritization process.

Priorities included:

- Public Safety and Health (Personnel, Equipment, Buildings)
- Infrastructure (Roads, Buildings, and Emergency Communications)
- Public School System (Maintenance of Effort and Infrastructure)
- Investments in Technology (MUNIS, RecTrac, Mobile Access, Web Access, etc.)



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FY 2015 PROPOSED BUDGET

Budget Highlights

Great effort was taken in the development of this proposed budget which strikes a balance between addressing real needs, reflects a conservative increase of 2.9%, while maintaining current tax rates

I would like to thank the Council for their leadership, recognize Ms. Angela Lane, County Finance Director, for her highly capable accounting and budgeting work, and our dedicated Talbot County employees who make it possible for us to successfully serve the people of our community.



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FY 2015 PROPOSED BUDGET

Budget Highlights

- No General Fund reserves or transfers from other Funds have been used to balance this Budget
- Public Safety is a priority in this Budget
- 8 net full time positions added (10 new positions, 2 existing positions transferred to the State of Maryland)
- 7 of the 10 new positions are in Public Safety
- Step increase for full time County employees
- Initiation and continuation of Capital Projects



TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

FY 2015 PROPOSED BUDGET

Budget Highlights

- 10 new positions – 7 in Public Safety
 - 2 additional Sheriff's Deputy positions
 - 2 additional Correctional Officer positions
 - 2 additional 911 Dispatch Operator positions
 - 1 additional Paramedic position
 - Other positions added in County Planning & Permits, Facility Maintenance and Administration
- Increased funding for County Roads maintenance
- Talbot County Public Schools operations funded at required level (MOE)
- Increased funding for School Health Services



REVENUES

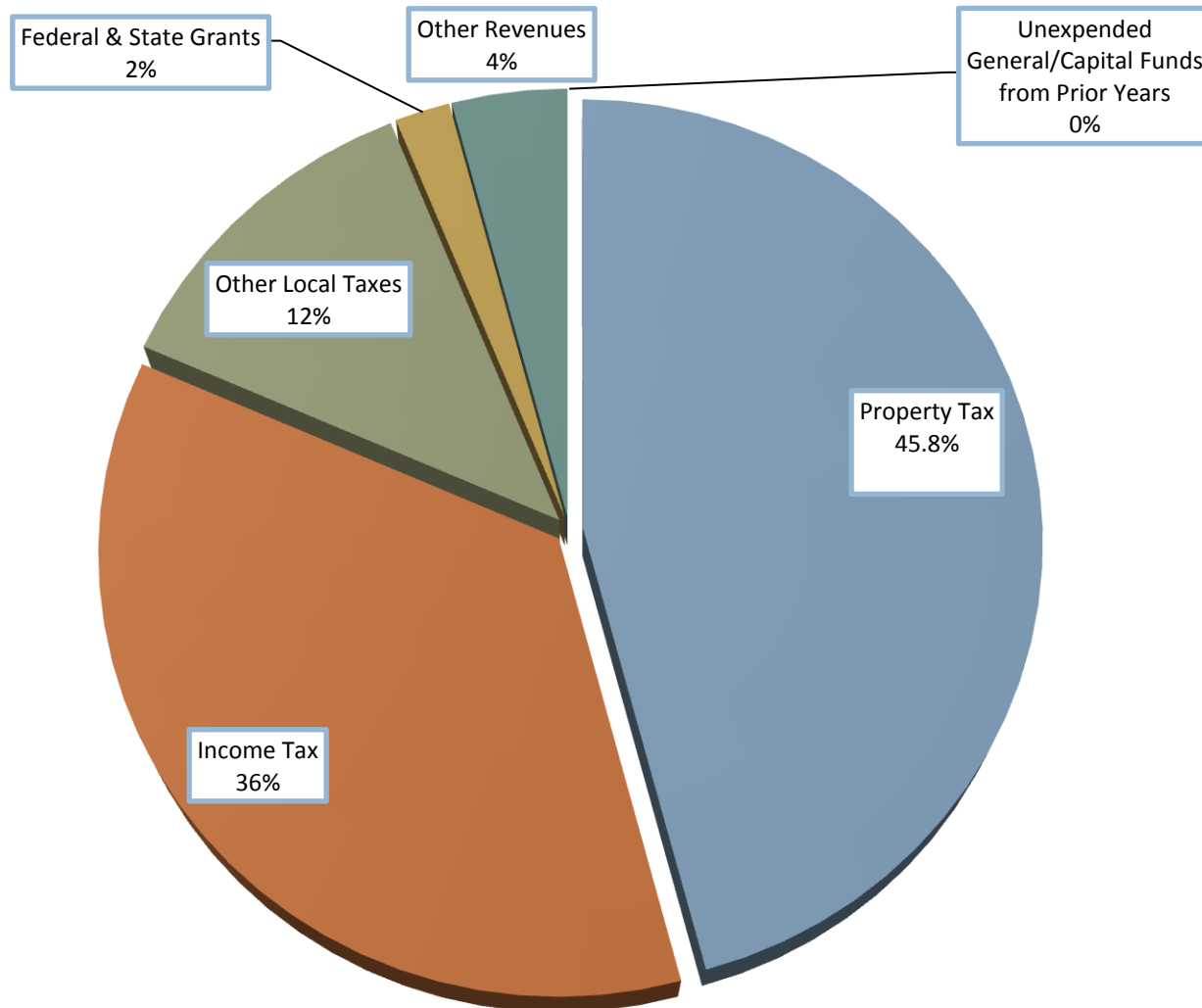
FY 2015 PROPOSED BUDGET

	<u>FY 2014 Budget</u>	<u>FY 2015 Proposed</u>	<u>Change</u>
Property Taxes	\$ 33,293,000	\$ 34,177,500	↑ 2.6%
Income Taxes	\$ 26,000,000	\$ 26,600,000	↑ 2.3%
Other Local Taxes	\$ 8,903,000	\$ 9,168,000	↑ 3.0%
State/Federal Grants	\$ 1,466,425	\$ 1,489,600	↑ 1.6%
Other Operating Revenues	\$2,787,575	\$ 3,124,900	↑ 12.1%
Transfer from Other Funds	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Prior Year's Fund Balance	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Totals	\$ 72,450,000	\$ 74,560,000	↑ 2.9%



GENERAL FUND REVENUES

FY 2015 PROPOSED BUDGET





PROPERTY TAX RATES

FY 2015 PROPOSED BUDGET

County Property Tax Rates – 2014

<u>County</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Baltimore City	\$2.248	Dorchester	\$0.976
Charles	\$1.141	Prince George's	\$0.960
Baltimore	\$1.100	Anne Arundel	\$0.950
Frederick	\$1.064	Washington	\$0.948
Harford	\$1.042	Caroline	\$0.940
Kent	\$1.022	Somerset	\$0.915
Carroll	\$1.018	Wicomico	\$0.9086
Howard	\$1.014	Calvert	\$0.892
Montgomery	\$1.009	St. Mary's	\$0.857
Cecil	\$0.9907	Queen Anne's	\$0.8471
Garrett	\$0.990	Worcester	\$0.770
Allegany	\$0.980	Talbot *	\$0.527 (up from 0.512)

**FY 2015 Proposed*



INCOME TAX RATES

FY 2015 PROPOSED BUDGET

County Income Tax Rates – 2014 *(3.20% Max)*

<u>County</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Baltimore City	3.20 %	Frederick	2.96 %
Howard	3.20 %	Kent	2.85 %
Montgomery	3.20 %	Baltimore Co	2.83 %
Prince George's	3.20 %	Calvert	2.80 %
Queen Anne's	3.20 %	Cecil	2.80 %
Wicomico	3.20 %	Washington	2.80 %
Somerset	3.15 %	Caroline	2.73 %
Harford	3.06 %	Garrett	2.65 %
Allegany	3.05 %	Dorchester	2.62 %
Carroll	3.04 %	Anne Arundel	2.56 %
Charles	3.03 %	Talbot *	2.40 %
St. Mary's	3.00 %	Worcester	1.25 %

**NO CHANGE*



EXPENDITURES

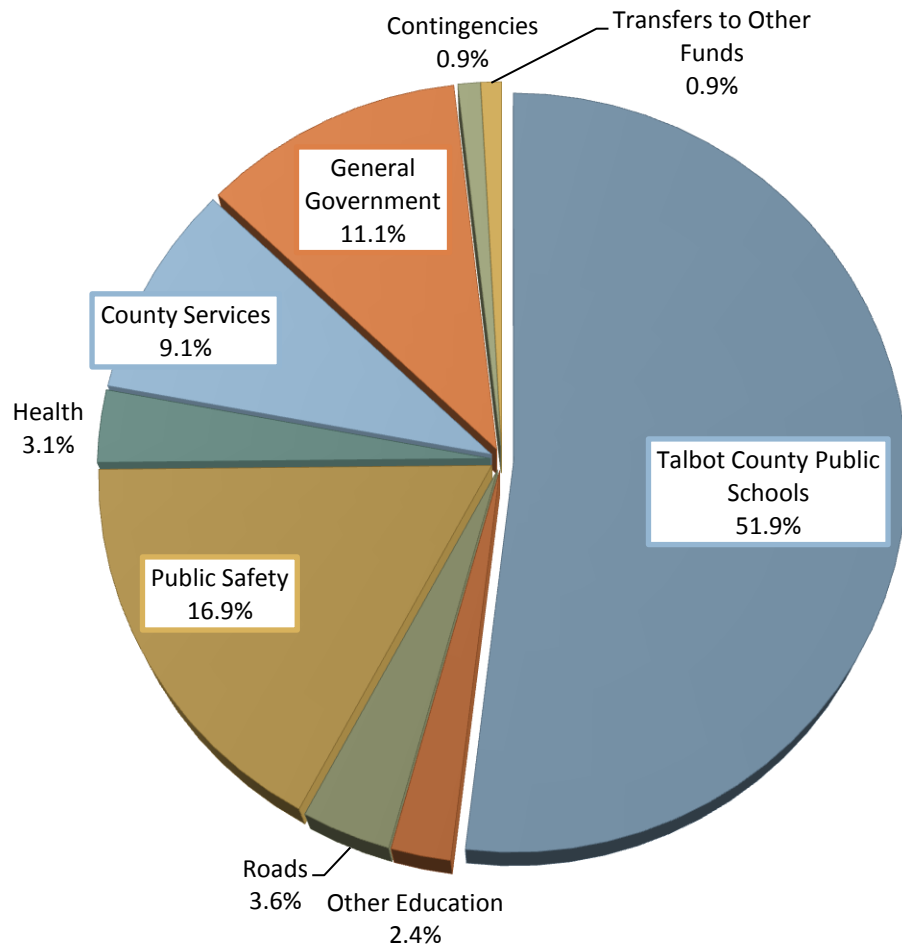
FY 2015 PROPOSED BUDGET

	<u>FY 2014 Budget</u>	<u>FY 2015 Proposed</u>	<u>Change</u>
Public Schools	\$ 38,522,699	\$ 38,710,200	↑ .48%
Public Safety	\$ 11,813,823	\$ 12,630,889	↑ 6.92%
County Roads Maintenance	\$ 2,285,890	\$ 2,669,865	↑ 16.80%
Health Services (Includes School Health)	\$ 1,949,124	\$ 2,299,650	↑ 17.98%
Library	\$ 1,010,906	\$ 1,111,700	↑ 9.97%
Chesapeake College	\$ 1,640,048	\$ 1,785,323	↑ 8.86%
Other County Operations	\$ 15,227,510	\$ 15,352,373	↑ .82%
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Totals	\$72,450,000	\$74,560,000	↑ 2.9%



GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

FY 2015 PROPOSED BUDGET





FUND BALANCE

FY 2015 PROPOSED BUDGET

General Fund Balance as of June 30, 2012	\$16.9 million
Retiree Health Obligation (OPEB)	-2.0 million
Emergency Reserve ("Rainy Day")	<u>-10.7 million</u>
Discretionary Balance 06/30/2012	\$4.2 million
FY 2013 Budget Appropriation	\$ 0.00
FY 2013 Surplus	<u>+1.8 million</u>
Discretionary Balance 06/30/2013	\$6.0 million
FY 2014 Budgeted Savings	+ .6 million
FY 2014 Projected Surplus	<u>+1.6 million</u>
Discretionary Balance 06/30/2014	\$8.2 million
Needed to Balance FY 2015 Budget	<u>\$0.00</u>
Remaining Balance for FY 2016 & Beyond	\$8.2 million



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FY 2015 PROPOSED BUDGET

Capital Projects Fund Proposed Projects

County Facilities

Emergency Communication/Radio System	\$ 1,511,500
Operations Center Expansion - 911 Center	1,000,000
Hog Neck Golf Course Facilities	125,100
Chesapeake College - Allied Health Facility	118,250
Other County Facility Projects	600,000

Waterways & Wharves

Claiborne Jetty - Living Shoreline, Jetty Repairs	720,000
Other Waterways & Wharves	291,452

Highways & Streets Projects	440,000
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Parks & Recreation

Oxford Road Park - Park Development	350,000
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TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

FY 2015 PROPOSED BUDGET

Capital Projects Fund

Proposed Projects

Public Schools

One-to-One Laptops	200,000
St. Michaels School Roof - Replacement	550,000
Easton High School - HVAC - Gymnasium	424,000
Easton High School - Track Repair/Renovation	37,000
Moton School - Roof Evaluation/Testing	15,000
Easton Elementary Schools - Renovation Study	<u>36,000</u>

Total FY2015 Proposed Capital Projects	\$ 6,418,302
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TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

FY 2015 PROPOSED BUDGET

Budget Recap

Fiscally Conservative-

- This Budget does not use Fund Balance Reserves or transfers from other Funds to balance

Public Safety is a priority in this Budget

- Additional Public Safety Staffing
- Continued investment in County Facilities and Infrastructure

Talbot County Public Hearing on the FY 2015 Proposed Budget:

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

3:00 pm Bradley Meeting Room

7:00 pm Easton High School Cafeteria



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